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Congressman Dent amends biofuels bill to address hydrogen fuel infrastructure

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Dent (PA-15), a founding cochair of the House Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Caucus, successfully amended HR 547, the Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act, to promote the development of hydrogen infrastructure. The House passed the amendment and the bill on Thursday.

HR 547 addresses important infrastructure challenges raised by using biofuels as a viable replacement for fossil fuels. Congressman Dent's amendment seeks to acknowledge and address the infrastructure challenges that will be presented by the advancement of hydrogen fuel, which can be made from a variety of feedstocks including biomass.

"I am a strong supporter of diversifying our Nation's fuel supply," Congressman Dent said. "I believe that the key to our energy security is a strategy which incorporates various technologies and alternative fuels that will coexist in the marketplace. As we address the important infrastructure challenges raised by the promotion of biofuels and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel, I also believe it is incumbent upon us to start paving the way for the Hydrogen Economy."

Congressman Dent's amendment would direct the Environmental Protection Agency, in cooperation with the Secretary of Energy and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, to consider the challenges

for design, reforming, storage, handling and dispensing hydrogen fuel from various feedstocks including biomass.

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